



## **Department of Public Works**

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## **Update: Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)**

The City of Burlington was notified in July of 2013 that Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) had been found in our Urban Forest. EAB is an invasive, wood boring beetle which kills ash trees by eating the tissues under the bark. The infestation is currently spreading throughout Wisconsin.

In response to the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation, the City is both treating and removing ash trees in the public right-of-way that have been affected. Property owners will be receiving notices indicating the City has scheduled the removal or treatment of an ash tree in front of their residence. When a tree is identified to be removed, a pink ribbon is tied on the tree. Trees slated for removal are usually marked a week before they are actually removed in order to permit property owners time to have any questions answered.

Ash trees on private property outside of the right-of-way are the responsibility of the homeowner. If you believe a tree on your property needs to be removed, contact a certified arborist to inspect the tree in question. For questions or comments related to EAB, please contact Dan Jensen, DPW Supervisor, at 539-3770.